

HOUSE BILL 375

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to the "Archival Protection Act of 2009."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49. Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-2-1__.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Archival Protection Act of 2009."

(b) Upon determination to close a public school, the LEA is urged to employ or contract with a professional archivist to review all personal property contained in the school buildings for historic significance. The LEA is encouraged to preserve appropriately all personal property of such school deemed historically significant. Such property may be made available for display at any public institution in the discretion of the LEA.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.